

DIED TRYING TO RESCUE A WOMAN

Noble Act of Fireman of the Ill-Fated Glen Island.

NINE PERSONS PERISHED

VESSEL CAUGHT FIRE IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.

New York, Dec. 17.—By the burning of the Starin line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound today nine lives were lost and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million of dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed was undoubtedly due to the personal courage of the officers, of the crew, and the excellent discipline maintained when a horrible death for all seemed almost certain. When the steamer was abandoned she was flame-swept from stern to stem and yet the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them.

Of the thirty-one persons, including ten passengers, who sailed away on the Glen last night, twenty-two, including eight passengers, were brought back today.

The Dead.

Unknown Hebrew woman, said to have resided at 206 Hamilton street, New Haven.

Unknown man, supposed to be a New Yorker.

W. E. Hendrickson, assistant engineer.

Luman Miller, fireman.

John Burke, fireman.

Peter Benson, deck hand.

Otto L. Alforan, fireman.

O. Berg, deck hand.

Some of the Rescued.

Among the passengers rescued were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Street, New Haven; two daughters of the Streets; Max Levin, New York; Nathan Duber, New Haven; Arthur Wallace, Wallingford, Conn.

The Glen Island left her dock here last night for New Haven. The trip down through the sound was without incident. About midnight, when three miles west of Greenwich, Conn., there came a rush of stifling smoke from the hold and every electric light on board the craft was extinguished.

Alarm Sounded.

Captain McAllister sent in the alarm for fire drill and the men came tumbling out of their bunks. In the meantime the steering gear had been blocked and the pilots finding themselves unable to direct the course of the steamer, hurried to the assistance of the other members of the crew in saving lives.

Captain McAllister ordered Pilot McMullin to go to the hurricane deck and loosen one of the boats, while he went to the main deck and tried to loosen the two large life boats.

Captain McAllister managed to loosen the port life boat. The other life boat was frozen to the deck, but a smaller one was soon ready to be lowered away.

Passengers in a Panic.

While the officers and crew were working there was a scene of confusion among the ten passengers. They ran about the saloons in disarray. The woman who lost her life had been aroused by the stewardess and was on her way to one of the boats when she suddenly turned and dashed back into the flames in the cabin. It is supposed that she went back for her valuables. She was not seen again, and must have perished. There was no possibility of waiting for the rescue of those who failed to appear at once.

In the large boat ten people were aloft. They included the eight rescued passengers and seven of the crew, including the captain. The smaller boat which Pilot McMullin had managed to free, carried seven passengers. The two boats were rowed as far away from the burning steamer as was necessary to escape destruction, and waited there and watched the boat burn. They made every possible effort to find any possible survivors, but there was none to be found.

Origin a Mystery.

How and where the fire originated is a mystery, but it is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel. Nearly all the passengers were in their berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out. So heavily laden was the second boat that it threatened every moment to capsize.

The tug Bully came to the rescue and ran in as close as possible, but nothing could be seen of the nine missing persons and all hope of saving them was given up. Those in the lifeboats were taken aboard the tug headed for New York. On the way she met the steamer Erastus Corning, also of the Starin line, and the rescued were transferred to that vessel. They reached the city shortly before 7 o'clock in the morning. Beyond their lives they suffered severely from the cold and the nervous shock, none were injured.

The Glen Island was constructed from the ruins of the city of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the steamer was christened William C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

Lost His All.

Captain Charles McAllister, who commanded the Glen Island, escaped with only his underclothes, trousers and an overcoat. He lost nearly everything he owned, including money, jewelry and clothing. He was the last person to leave the wreck.

According to First Mate Larsen the fire broke out in the forward part of the steamer when she was off Captain's Island. Larsen declares that it seemed to have gained a headway which it was hopeless to attempt to fight and in a few minutes the entire vessel was ablaze.

The four firemen, two deckhands and engineer Hendrickson, who perished, were in the hold and could not escape before the flames swept over them. The two passengers reported dead were missing when the survivors reached the boat. It is supposed they were caught in their cabins and burned to death.

The Street girls, who were rescued, are students at Yale and were on their way to New Haven for the holidays at home.

Went After Her Purse.

Regarding the death of the woman passenger supposed to be Rose Schaffsky, Captain McAllister said when all were ready in the boats she returned to her state room for her purse. The flames cut off her escape, though the captain could see her at the door of her room.

"Fireman Miller, who had dragged a lot of people out of their bunks, says to me," continued the captain, "I can't see that woman roast to death there. I'm going to get her. I told him it was impossible, but Miller said: 'It is well worth a try, anyway,' and he plunged right through the fire and reached the woman. He picked her up and as he turned to either jump overboard with her or to try to come back where we were, we could all see that his clothes and her dress were aflame. It was awful.

"Miller was about to make a dive

with the woman for the water when the deck under him gave way, and he and the woman went down into the flames, both of them being killed."

Information reached the office of the Starin line here this afternoon that the hulk of the Glen Island had drifted away in the sound and that her location was not known. Tugs were at once dispatched to search for her, but up to evening no tidings had come from them.

It was reported late tonight that the hulk of the Glen Island is now resting on the bottom at the entrance to Hempstead harbor, with only her smokestack visible, and that boats surround the sunken vessel on the lookout for the bodies of the victims.

CAPTAIN WAS COOL.

Prompt Action Praised by Rescued Passengers.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—Mr. and

Mrs. Frederick Street and their two daughters reached their home in this city this afternoon. Except for the loss of their baggage on the burned steamer they were little the worse, apparently, for their terrible experience.

Mr. Street said there was no panic or disorder, and he praised the coolness of Captain McAllister.

The woman passenger who lost her life, and on whose clothing the address "206 Hamilton street" was found is now believed to have been Mrs. Rosa S. Silken, a peddler, about 60 years of age.

Inquiry at the number disclosed the fact that Mrs. Silken went to New York several days ago and was to have returned today.

The Starin line announced this afternoon that the steamer John H. Starin will leave this city tonight to take the Glen Island's place on the route. It was on Dec. 24 of last year that the Erastus Corning of the same line was wrecked off Norway.

LITTLE FOLK MAKING MANY SACRIFICES

TO GLADDEN OTHERS AT CHRISTMASTIDE

The children of the primary department of the First Presbyterian Sunday school have spent the past week in a labor of love. Their plan is to make old toys look almost "as good as new," and to make glad the hearts of less fortunate children by bringing the results of their labors today to be given either to the Salvation Army for distribution or to the committees appointed for the purpose from the Sunday school.

Books that have been long outgrown and replaced by more advanced stories, the large linen books so dear in early childhood, have been gone over carefully by little fingers and mended with waste and paper. Soldiers which have stood and fallen in many battles have been made to look almost as strong and young as ever, and will doubtless sacrifice their lives many times yet on the field of battle before they are absolutely done for.

The work has meant many sacrifices on the part of the little people who are giving, for they were admonished to bring nothing that was not in some sense dear to themselves. The old playthings have been culled over and over many times before some of the treasures could be given up, but the thought of the many good times they had seen together was made brighter by the thought of the many joys they might bring to others.

"Of course the grown-ups," with their lack of appreciation, have taken the matter as a special visitation of Providence and are delighted to have the old things which have cluttered the home for so long removed. But to the little folk who have loved the things and enjoyed them, the gift which they take today will contain much of the giver and with it will go the real sacrifice which makes the Christmas gift.

MECHANICAL BULL GIVES IMITATION

OF GREAT SPANISH AMUSEMENT

A mechanical bull, operated by a man inside the skin, that gives imitation bull fights on the stage of a theatre, is the invention of Y. Alarcon, Senior Alarcon is in Salt Lake this week with his wife and daughter, giving a Mexican song and dance act at a local vaudeville house.

The animal is covered with a bull's skin and has a real bull's head, hoofs, horns and tail, stands a little over four feet high. The operator's legs serve as the fore legs of the animal. With his hands Senior Alarcon, who is entirely concealed inside the skin, operates the animal's legs, tail, ears, mouth, eyes and head, in a realistic manner.

With a half-dozen assistants as picadors, toreros and other bull terrors and killers, the whole spectacle as played in Mexico is gone through with, from the fastening of the first dart in the neck of the animal, is thrust through the heart at the finish, when the curtain drops. The stage on which the performance is given is set to represent a typical bull ring, with its official box and ordinary seats for the populace.

Senior Alarcon presented for three months his unique invention on the stage of a large Paris theatre. He has also exhibited the contrivance at Los Angeles. The majority of vaudeville theatre stages are too small to permit presenting the spectacle. The inventor is now on his way east, where he is to arrange for presenting the act again.

During the year in which the bull has had a rest from the stage the owner has made many improvements to the beast's anatomy, making it more lifelike than ever.

SCHOONER ON FIRE.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Topoka, which passed in Cape Henry, Va., during the night, reports that the schooner Clara Goodwin, from Port Tampa for Philadelphia, was afire off Diamond shoals. No one was aboard.

STORY IS UNTRUE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—It is officially declared that there is no foundation for the statement made by the correspondent of the Daily Mail of London that the emperor of Austria will visit Copenhagen next spring to take part in an international conference of monarchs on the subject of peace.

WILL SIGN CONVENTION.

The Hague, Dec. 17.—The international conference concerning the status of hospital ships in war time has adopted a draft of a convention which probably will be signed Dec. 21.

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OIL STOVE EXSLSION

KILLS THREE PERSONS

New York, Dec. 17.—Three persons were killed and several injured, two fatally, in a fire in a three-story brick residence at 184 South Main street, in Williamsburg section of Brooklyn today.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove. Most of those who lost their lives were caught on the upper stories of the building from which there were no fire escapes.

MILDNESS OF SUMMER.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Christmas shoppers stopped in the Unter der Linden today to watch children chase a butterfly, one of several indications of the singularly warm weather in northern Germany. Some flowers are still blooming in open air in Victoria Louise square, and a chestnut tree in Bellevue street is in breaking into bloom. The thermometer today registered 54 degrees. The long continued mildness of the weather, according to the trade periodicals, is greatly injuring the shoe, clothing and fur trades.

WILL GET NEW GUNS.

London, Dec. 17.—The war office and treasury have at last reached an agreement to provide funds for the re-arming of the artillery. One hundred and thirty batteries of field artillery and thirty batteries of horse artillery will be supplied with new pattern guns within nine months.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17.—Ex-Chief of Police E. M. Woyle was accidentally shot this afternoon, the bullet passing through his body about three inches above his heart. He was walking along the river bank when his revolver fell from his holster, striking a rock and discharging the weapon. He has a slight chance of recovery.

Mrs. Edith Cummings is having a sale of hand painted china all this week at the Doul Drug company, 55 West Second South.

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